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The Daily Club.

HONGKONG, MARCH 13TH 1909.

AFTER due consideration the Imperial
Government has decided on the final and
total abolition of the opium divans in the
Colony of Hongkong when the existing
contract between the Opium Farmer and
Colonial Government expires next March.
His Majesty's Government recognise that,
as a result of giving effect to their policy
the Colonial revenue must suffer a loss
which it would be impossible for the local
Government, wholly to replace, and when
the amount of this loss has been ascertained
with some degree of accuracy His Majesty's
Government will be prepared to ask Parliament
to give a substantial contribution
towards making good to the Colony the
revenue which it is found to have lost as
the direct result of measures adopted under
their instructions. All that can be said of
this decision is that it fulfils expectations.
It was inconceivable that the Government,
after being placed in possession of the whole
facts of the case, would act with the pre-
cipitation indicated in their telegraphic
instruction; but no one could have entered
a very lively hope that the Imperial
Government would recognise the folly of
totally abolishing the divans. Having
in haste and in ignorance, definitely com-
mitted themselves to the policy of
immediately suppressing the divans, it
was hardly to be expected that the Govern-
ment would stultify itself by confessing
compensatory grant until such time as

the doubt as to the wisdom of the policy, which the able and convincing memorandum by Sir Frederick Lucas
inevitably inspires. We know now that the whole of the hundred and ninety licensed divans in the Colony must close in March 1910, but we do not know yet to what extent the Colonial revenue will be detrimentally affected thereby. In his Memorandum summarising the dispatches sent to the Secretary of State on the subject, H. E. The GOVERNOR very properly pointed out that divans are a concomitant, and result of the habit of opium smoking rather than an inciting cause and "they serve a useful purpose in concentrating smokers, and thus bringing them under control and supervision. They also tend to diminish the smoking of opium in private houses, and to confine it to adult males, and are a check on dress eating, since neither the keeper nor the smoker may retain the dross. Their complete abolition would not improbably produce many evils not contemplated by those who have no actual knowledge of the circumstances." His Excellency also mentions that the closing of divans in Shanghai and the neighbouring city is said to have led to no apparent diminution in the sale and consumption of the drug. We can readily imagine that this will be the case in Hongkong also; but we are not rash enough to anticipate that future tenders for the Farm—if any are submitted—will indicate the existence of a similar belief or suspicion in the minds of those who may seek to have the monopoly. Of course they will not. Prospective bidders will rather submit, as a reason for a ridiculously low offer, that as the British Government has pledged itself to act up to the Chinese standard so far as the closing of opium divans is concerned, may not the Government follow China still further and make the smoking of opium anywhere in the Colony by other than duly licensed persons a penal offence? And the prospective bidder would know that in Hongkong the police organisation is able to more effectually secure obedience to law than are police organisations in China. The rejection of the eminently sensible measures suggested by the Governor, and the insistence on a total abolition of the opium divans imports so much risk and uncertainty into the future of the business that it will occasion no surprise if the Government does not receive a single offer for the farm when tenders are next invited. In that case the Government will have to run the monopoly itself. If the Farmer sees no profit in the Farm it is unlikely that the Government will find any. In order to protect his monopoly the opium farmer has to employ a large staff of detectives and to offer rewards to informers. However much his business is reduced by the restriction of his supply of opium and the closing of the divans, the Farmer cannot with safety greatly reduce his expenses under this head. The action of the Imperial Government makes the business therefore too risky a speculation for any careful business corporation and the ultimate effect of it will be that this Colony will not only suffer a very heavy loss of revenue, but will have to face a large increase in expenditure if it is to prevent the smuggling of opium and if it is to be the duty of the police to act up to the standard set by China in suppressing the habit of smoking opium. The Government, it is noted, is prepared to ask Parliament for a substantial contribution towards making good to the Colony the revenue which it is found to have lost as the direct result of measures adopted under their instructions. By the time the Colonial Government is able to ascertain with any degree of accuracy the revenue which has been sacrificed, it should also be in a position to form a rough estimate of the increase in expenditure resulting directly from the measures adopted under the instructions of His Majesty's Government, and we may hope that this too will be taken into consideration by Parliament in fixing the amount of compensation to be made to the Colony.

We assume this compensation will be made in the form of a reduction in the amount of the Military Contribution demanded from the Colony, though that is a question which might very well be reconsidered on its merits. The Military Contribution is set down in the Estimates for the current year as \$1,210,739; while the amount payable by the opium farmer is \$1,452,000. Though it is impossible to say at the present moment what loss of revenue will have to be faced next year, the Colony has to contemplate a rapidly progressive decrease down to the complete extinction of this source of revenue, save perhaps a comparatively trifling amount which may be derived from licenses to sell opium or opium compounds for medicinal purposes. Consequently the Colony must look to Parliament to correspondingly increase the annual compensation grant until such time as

new sources of revenue may be developed without prejudicially affecting to any serious extent the interests of the Colony. We cannot see where the Government can look for new sources of revenue at present; but even were there no loss of the opium revenue to be contemplated the need already exists for an increase of revenue. The revenue last year fell short of the expenditure by six and a half lacs of dollars and in the estimates for the current year the expenditure is only covered by the loan of the Widows' and Orphans Fund amounting to nearly five lacs of dollars. No appreciable reduction in expenditure is immediately possible. Public Works Extraordinary—such as the building of the new Law Courts, and Post Office, markets and waterworks schemes &c.—during the last year or two have been costing the Colony over a million dollars per annum. A beginning is just being made with the typhoon refuge at Mongkoktsui which will cost the Colony a million and a half of dollars, and if an early completion of that undertaking is to be made, very large appropriations will be necessary during the next couple of years. Hence there is no immediate prospect of reducing expenditure on public works. Most of these undertakings were begun when the finances of the Colony were in more flourishing and more hopeful condition, and the reduction in the appropriation for public works is extraordinary which will automatically occur as these undertakings are completed is the only reflection in which the taxpayer can find comfort. The Colony is no doubt, duly grateful that the Government is prepared to ask Parliament to give a substantial contribution towards making good the loss of revenue from the opium farm: our need seems likely to be great and we hope that the compensation will not fall short of the need.

A fine of \$200 was yesterday imposed on a Chinaman at the Magistracy for having a quantity of opium in his possession.

For wasting water a Chinese who resides in Western Street was brought before Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday and fined \$25.

The tenant of a house in Chinatown was at the Magistracy yesterday fined \$25 for altering a staircase without a permit from the Building Authority.

Messrs. William Powell and Company were at the Magistracy yesterday fined \$25 for having failed to stamp a receipt. Mr. Dowsing prosecuted. The defence was that it was an accidental omission on the part of the compradore.

The agricultural congress of Panay and Negros, now in session in Iloilo, has declared for Chinese immigration and has asked the Assembly to petition Congress to open the doors of the Philippines to the Chinese labouring class owing to the lack of reliable labour in that country.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

H. Wicking & Co.	\$25
W. Murray Scott	20
Asgard Thorsen & Co.	5
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It is reported that the famous actor-manager, Sir Charles Wyndham, is likely to visit the East with a company before very long. Sir Charles desires to see the East and to see it leisurely, playing here and there, where a theatre of the necessary size is available. In the latter respect, he should find no difficulty in Hongkong.

Mr. Ralph Paget, the British Minister Plenipotentiary at Bangkok, has booked his passage by the *Delhi*, which was due to leave Bangkok for Singapore about March 10. Although Mr. Paget is going to Munich, he is not going there in his diplomatic capacity, as has been previously stated, but merely to visit some relatives before proceeding to England.

The *Court Circular* last month stated that His Majesty the King and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales have accepted copies of "Twentieth Century Impressions of Hongkong, Shanghai, and Other Treaty Ports of China" and "Twentieth Century Impressions of Siam," the latest issued volumes of the series of publications being brought out by Lloyd's Greater Britain Publishing Company (Limited). The Kedive and Sir Eldon Gorst have extended their patronage to the work on Egypt which the company has in course of compilation.

The provinces of Laos in which is the Kingdom of Luang Prabang is a heavy fiscal burden on Indo-China, and seems likely to remain so for many a year, says the *Straits Times*. The Kingdom was once a Siamese dependency and was ceded by Siam to France a few years ago. The King of Luang Prabang has just paid Saigon a visit to see for himself the wonders of civilisation. Reporters soon found out that Laos is full of undeveloped resources which can not be profitably turned to account from lack of means of communication. The forests are rich in timber, the soil is exceedingly fertile, and the mining wealth of the country is beyond question. A scientific exploring party now at work in Laos reports discoveries of tin, iron, coal and gold—the latter products being found plentifully. Naturally, the districts reputed to be rich have been prospected first.

We are asked to announce that the Lord Bishop of Victoria will preach at the Evening Service at 6 p.m. at St. Andrews Church, Kowloon on Sunday next.

An inquiry was conducted at the Magistracy yesterday by Mr. Kemp sitting as coroner into the circumstances of the death of a Chinese detective who died in the Government Civil Hospital from a revolver shot accidentally received at Santin. It appears that the deceased left his revolver, which was carried in a holster, fall, and as it fell the hammer struck the ground, causing it to discharge. As he was stooping to pick it up at the same time he received the shot in the eye and, as stated, he succumbed to his wound in the hospital. It was stated in the course of the evidence that the Chinese detective were allowed to carry revolvers but these were not inspected regularly as was the practice in the case of those who carried service revolvers.

The jury, in returning a verdict of accidental death, agreed to a recommendation that private revolvers should be inspected as well as the others carried by members of the police force.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

Yesterday evening a collision took place between the small Hongkong steamer *Hoi Ming* and a German steamer whose name is at present unknown, as the result of which ten persons lost their lives. Details of the occurrence are very meagre, but we have learned that the disaster took place near Capesimun, the *Hoi Ming* being struck on the stern by the German steamer. Whether the passengers on the *Hoi Ming* who lost their lives were killed in the actual collision or whether they were knocked into the water at the impact and drowned is not yet known.

The *Hoi Ming*, which belongs to the Chee Woo Steamship Company, and was commanded by a European, was bound for Kongmun.

THE PHILIPPINE SQUADRON.

ARRIVAL AT HONGKONG.

Yesterday afternoon the five cruisers comprising the Third Squadron of the American Pacific Fleet arrived at Hongkong, the fact being announced by the booming of the big guns saluting the port and the British Admiral, as well as the flags of the other warships in the harbour. Their proximity was made known by wireless telegraphy about three o'clock and almost punctual to the expected time the *U.S.S. Atlanta* dropped their anchors in the man-of-war anchorage. The squadron is under the command of Rear-Admiral Giles B. Harber, and his flagship is the *Charleston*. The other officers are:

Charleston, Commander Harry S. Knapp.
Denver, Commander James P. Parker.
Cleveland, Commander Louis S. Gan Duzer.
Galveston, Commander John A. Hooper.
Chattanooga, Commander Edward E. Wright.

Besides these cruisers there are also in the harbour the U.S.S. *Helena*, (Commander W. W. Buchanan) and the U.S.S. *San Francisco*, (Commander Thomas Withers), while in addition Rear-Admiral Jewell (retired) and Mrs. Jewell, and Rear-Admiral Mead (retired) are in the colony. The former, who are staying in the Hongkong Hotel, sail for America by the *Asia* on Tuesday, and the latter remain here for about a week.

The American Admiral will make his official call on His Excellency the Governor this morning about 11.45. He will land at Blake Pier where he will be received by a guard of honour furnished by the Buffs.

On the 16th inst. there will be a dinner at Government House, and it is understood that Admiral Lambton will also entertain the visitors to dinner.

An elaborate programme is being prepared for the entertainment of the men. This will include sports, a tiffin, a tattoo dance, and other features.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

It is announced that Mr. Tsang Sik Chow, a former student of Queen's College, and now in business at Saigon, has intimated his willingness to contribute a sum of \$10,000 towards the Endowment Fund of the University, and has also expressed the belief that he can induce other Chinese there to contribute as much as \$10,000 toward the same fund.

THE "KUTSANG" PROCEEDING TO SHANGHAI.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. communicate to us the information that telegraphic advice received from Foochow yesterday with regard to the *Kutsang* were to the effect that the damage sustained by the steamer is not extensive. The hole has been plugged up and the steamer was proceeding to Shanghai. A telegram from Amoy reports that the Douglas steamer *Haiyang* (Captain Hodgins) had reported passing the *Kutsang* in Int. 26N, long 120E, "all well."

It is expected that the *Kutsang* will reach Shanghai on Sunday morning.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The H. A. Line str. *Saxonia* left Amoy on the 11th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day at daylight.

The Austrian Lloyd's str. *Austria* left Singapore on the 11th inst. p.m. and is due here on the 17th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tamba Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yoboshi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Moji on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 16th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yeteru Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore on the 11th inst., and is expected here on the 18th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Shinano Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

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NEW BRITISH-SIAMESE TREATY.

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS.

EXTRATERRITORIALITY TO BE ABOLISHED.

LONDON, March 12th.

A Treaty between Great Britain and Siam has been signed at Bangkok whereby Siam renounces her suzerainty over the States of Kelantan, Trigano, and Kedah in favour of Great Britain, while the latter agrees to the gradual abolition of extraterritoriality. British subjects registered after the signature of the treaty will come under the jurisdiction of the Siamese courts, but European advisers will sit in all courts wherein British subjects are defendants.

The Federated Malay States agree to provide four millions sterling for the purpose of constructing a railway from Bangkok southwards to the new Malaysian boundary.

THE BALKANS.

LONDON, March 12th. Official Vienna are not satisfied because the Servian Note to the Powers ignores Austria's last communication, but it is felt that the way has been made smoother towards peace, though negotiations are likely to be protracted and difficult.

THE LORDS AND THE INDIA COUNCILS' BILL.

LONDON, March 12th. The India Councils Bill authorising constitutional reforms has passed the House of Lords.

Clause III constituting provincial executive Councils, was twice rejected, Lords Lansdowne and Curzon urging the weight of special opinion in India against the clause.

It is understood that the clause will be reinserted in the House of Commons and re-submitted to the House of Lords.

FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."

NEW CHINESE LAWS.

PEKING, March 12th. The Chinese Government propose to introduce laws for the control of Chinese who are naturalised subjects of foreign countries and foreigners who are naturalised Chinese subjects. It is also proposed to make laws for the governance of marriages between Chinese and foreigners, and to decide the nationality of the issue of such mixed marriages. It is also intended to frame regulations for the control of Chinese in foreign countries.

CHINESE IN THE NETHERLANDS INDIES.

The Minister for the Netherlands has at the request of the Chinese Government promised to consult his own government with a view to postponing the Bill introduced for the purpose of forcing Chinese in Netherlands Indies to become naturalised subjects of the Netherlands Indies.

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LOCAL SPORT.

To-day's engagements are:
 SHIELD FOOTBALL.
 Buffs v. H. M. S. Bedford (final).
 LEAGUE FOOTBALL.
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 LEAGUE CRICKET.
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 H. K. "A" v. Civil Service.
 H. K. "B" v. Telegraphs.
 Kowloon v. R.G.A.
 YACHTING.
 R. H. K. Y. C. "At home."

FOOTBALL.

BUFFS V. "BEDFORD."

This is the event of the day, and, should the weather prove favourable, there should be a large turnout of spectators to witness the great struggle for the Shield. It resolves itself into a contest between the Army and the Navy, and as both teams are in the pink of condition the match should be fought to a finish. Both teams will be represented by the same men that did duty for them at their recent meetings. Mr. Storrie will referee.

NAVAL YARD V. B. O. C.

This League fixture will be played on the Military ground at the Happy Valley. The Boys will be represented by—Khan; Abbas and Wilson; Cordeiro, Chunyat, and Chew; Goldsberg and Pardav; Abbas; Beardmore and Fistabuk; Rovers—Jex and Musket.

The following will represent the Naval Yard: W. Howells; J. C. Joughin and H. Campbell; P. Henning, G. C. Glover and R. Harding; P. R. Carter and G. Watkins; C. Combes and G. Royleance; J. Gillespie.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

C. S. C. L. Y. HONGKONG "A."

To be played at the Happy Valley, commencing at 2 p.m. Teams: Hongkong "A"—W. C. D. Turner, U. R. Makin, Lient. Haughton, Rev. W. H. Mandrell, Flag Lient. Milleux, A. P. Dashwood, E. A. Fowler, Lient J. Edgell, W. Waterhouse, E. Irving and A. N. Other. Civil Service—R. O. Hutchison (Captain), F. A. Biden, R. E. O. Bird, L. E. Brett, H. Ellis, J. Mr. Ewen, H. R. Phelps, A. R. F. Raven, E. B. Reed, A. R. Sutherland and R. C. Mitchell, Reserves—A. G. File and F. Sutton.

HONGKONG "B" TELEGRAPH.

This match takes place on the Club Ground, commencing at 2.15. "B" team will be: R. Hancock, H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, S. Moore, S. S. Logan, H. D. Sharpin, P. Jackson, W. E. L. Shenton, A. O. Lang, A. A. Claxton and W. J. Daniel.

CRICKET LEAGUE TABLE.

The League Table remains unchanged as there is no change in the results.

The following is the table up to date:—

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per cent.
Civil Service	13	10	1	2	9	81.81
H.K. "B"	10	9	1	0	8	80.90
Hongkong "A"	10	6	1	3	5	71.42
Telegraphs	13	8	3	2	5	45.45
Craigengower	13	5	5	2	-25.00	
R. G. Artillery	11	3	7	1	4	-40.00
Kowloon	12	2	9	1	7	-63.63
Royal Engineers	10	1	7	2	-6	-75.00
Hongkong Police	12	1	9	2	-8	-50.00
A win counts 1 point.						
A loss " -1 "						
A draw " 0 "						

OTHER CRICKET.

CRAIGENGOWER V. ARMY STAFF.

This match which was fixed for to-day is cancelled.

SUGGESTED CRICKET JUNIOR LEAGUE.

A correspondent ("Parise Player") writes suggesting the advisability of forming a junior league for those teams which are not strong enough to enter the existing league. He thinks that at least fifteen clubs will join and advises that steps be taken to have it started next season.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

Members of the Association are reminded that the monthly shoot for the "Douglas Cup" will take place to-day and to-morrow starting at 2 p.m. and 10 a.m. respectively.

BANZAI!

The *Japan Mail* says:—It is not infrequent to find men speculating as to the origin of the now familiar *banzai*, and we believe that a general impression classes this excellent exclamation among the inventions of modern Japan. Quite recently, indeed, we heard a learned Japanese pundit declare confidently that the late Professor Toyama was the originator of the word as the Japanese equivalent of "hurrah."

But the truth is that "banzai" belongs to a very much remoter date. History shows that it was used certainly as long ago as the year 486 A.D., and probably it was not an innovation even then. In the "Chronicles of Japan" a work published, as is well known, in the year 820 A. D.—it is related that, in the spring of 486 A. D. the Emperor Woke remembered by posterity as "Kenzo, Tenno," repaired to the park of the summer hall, and there held revel by the "winding streams." His guests were a conclave of Ministers and of high officials known at that epoch under the titles of *Oni*, *Muraji* and *Miyako*. When the feast was at its height the guests, we read, "raised repeated cries of *banzai*." It may fairly be assumed that this formula of greeting did not originate then, but at any rate its undoubted use in Japan more than fourteen centuries ago deprives any *Meiji* sanyan of the credit of having invented it.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' HOME, HONGKONG.

The report for the year 1902 just issued reads as follows:—

I.—FINANCIAL.

The year has closed without a deficit. Indeed there is a small balance forward of \$103 on the year's working. We are thankful to be able to report this, for some considerable improvements in the furniture of the Home have been effected. A much-needed hot-water apparatus has been introduced and works well. Few mattresses have replaced the old ones throughout, and many new spring bottoms have been added to the beds, which render them more comfortable. 60 bedsheads have been donated to the Home by the Committee of the Royal Naval Canteen and 4 billiard table cloths by the Hongkong Club. There have been sundry other improvements in the furniture of the

COMPANY REPORTS.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.

The report of this Company is as follows:—

The General Agents beg to submit to shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year 1902, with a statement of accounts to 31st December last.

There was a good demand for the Refinery's Sugars throughout the year, at prices which gave a fair margin of profit. The gain on works was \$273,518.10, and the sum at debit on 1st January, 1902, was reduced to \$5,858.24, which is carried forward to next account.

The General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend that a dividend of 85 per cent. be absorbed \$100,000 be paid out of equalization of dividend fund.

Consulting Committee:—This consists of Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and Messrs. E. Shellian, F. Maitland, H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonnar who offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1903.

BALANCE SHEET—ONE YEAR—to 31st Dec. 1902.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

Paid-up capital	\$2,000,000.00
Equalization of dividend fund	450,000.00
Repairs and renewals account	56,000.00
Sundry creditors	522,350.65
	\$3,029,199.26

ASSETS.

Property account consisting of— East Point Refinery, Bowrington Refinery, Swatow Refinery, Hong Kong Distillery	\$1,531,209.03
Cash	5,358.52
Raw and refined sugar, &c.	1,102,847.50
Spirits and rum, &c.	7,042.00
Charcoal coal, stores, &c.	136,229.52
Sundry debtors	98,132.75
Shipments	897,546.42
Less advances	155,004.70
	\$1,425,417.70
Balance of profit and loss account	5,858.25
	\$3,029,199.26

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

To Balance on 31st December, 1902	\$1,531,209.03
By Balance on 31st December, 1903	\$1,531,209.03

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Balance brought forward from last year	8279,371.34
To Commission	25,290.62
To Remuneration to Consulting Committee	2,500.00
To Auditors' Fees	750.00
To Interest	33,462.95
	\$341,374.91
By Gain on Working	8335,516.67
By Balance	5,858.24
	\$341,374.91

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO.

The report of this Company is as follows:—

The General Agents beg to submit to shareholders their report on the Company's business, with a statement of accounts to 31st December last.

No attempt whatever is made to proselytize; we can truly say we are "the friends of all and the enemies of none."

IV.—PASTORAL AND PROSPECT.

This work has been carried on now for eight years. It cannot be doubted that the Home fills an important place and supplies a need in the life of Hongkong. The sustained devotion of the members of the Committee to the well-being of the Home, and the interest in the work by many friends in the Colony, is greatly appreciated by the minister in charge.

Consulting Committee:—Mr. A. G. Wood resigned his seat upon his departure from the Colony, and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was invited to join the Committee in his place. Mr. H. P. White and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor:—The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. R. Lowe, C.A., who offers himself for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1903.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1902.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital, 7,000 shares, of \$100 each	\$700,000.00
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.'s current account	204,031.68
Account payable	1,671.03
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (advance a/c)	20,000.00
	\$925,702.71

ASSETS.

Property account, as per last account	\$629,642.43
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	2,395.48
Cash in hand	1,023.16
Raw and refined sugar, &c.	104,532.66
Coal, charcoal, stores, &c.	38,998.06
Accounts receivable	13,217.49
	\$789,809.28

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ending 31st December, 1902	\$13,132.65
Loss for year ending 31st December, 1903	760.88
	135,893.43
	\$925,702.71

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 12th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen over W. Japan and the Loochous, and risen over E. Japan and N. China.

A depression, formed to the east of the Lower Yangtze, has moved into the Eastern Sea and will reach the coast of S.W. Japan to-day.

An area of high pressure is spreading over N. China from the N.W. and N.E. monsoon conditions will probably be re-established in the Formosa Channel, and along the northern shores of the China Sea by to-morrow.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.09 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood. Same as No. 1. Formosa Channel. Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochous. Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.

(*) Wind backing to E. and N.E. and freshening; squally, fog at time.

THE RESTRICTION OF OPIUM IN HONGKONG AND IN CHINA.

MEMORANDUM BY H. E. SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.

The Memorandum by H. E. the Governor laid before the Legislative Council on Thursday is as follows:

THE CHARGE AGAINST HONGKONG.

On May 6th 1902, Mr. W. Johnson moved a resolution in the House of Commons (seconded by Mr. T. Taylor) approving the action of His Majesty's Government in progressively decreasing the quantity of opium exported from India to China, and urging the abolition of licensed Opium Dens in the Far Eastern Crown Colonies. Both mover and seconder informed the House that in Hongkong "nothing had been attempted—nothing done." These statements passed unchallenged, and have conveyed to the rest of the Empire an erroneous impression of the facts regarding this Colony, which has caused no little sorrow in a very loyal portion of His Majesty's oversea dominions.

The Under Secretary in his reply said that His Majesty's Government recognized that in dealing with the opium question in Hongkong it was essential that we should act up to the Standards set by China and in a later debate on July 28th he said that it had not been possible to get a reasoned opinion from Hongkong.

The Farmer used formerly to have two establishments at the East and West of the Town and it was open to boats in Harbour, if found with loose opium on board, to declare that they were carrying it from one to the other, and had no intention of smuggling. In order to eliminate the possibility of illicit trade due to this cause, the Farmer since 1901 has only been allowed to maintain one establishment.

If prepared opium bearing the Hongkong Farmer's "shop" is now found in China the Farmer is probably a forgery in order to obtain sale as foreign opium for what is really native opium.

It is hardly likely that the Farmer would put his "shop" on smuggled opium. It is a fact that op

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

LOTS up to 265 only of Mr. J. Y. VERNON'S HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE were sold Yesterday. The Sale will be resumed TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 13th at 11 a.m., sharp with Lot 266.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1909. [463]



HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:

On Monday, the 15th March.

From Pak-sha-wan in an Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,600 yards, commencing at 10 a.m., and finishing at 11 a.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on the above date, practice will take place on the following day.

All Ships, Junks and Other Vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [464]

HONGKONG REGATTA.

ON SATURDAY, 20TH MARCH.

Under the Patronage of Their Excellencies Sir FREDERICK LUGARD, A.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., &c.

Vice-Admiral Sir HEDWORTH LAMPTON, K.C.B., R.N., Major-General H. G. BROADWOOD, B.C.

THE RACING commences at NOON, and continues until 5 P.M., the Senior Pairs Race being rowed at 1 P.M., after which Tiffin will be served on board the Flagship.

The Band of the Buffs will render selections during the afternoon.

YACHT RACES and MOTOR-BOAT RACE will take place also.

After the last race, Mrs. BASIL TAYLOR has kindly consented to present the Prizes.

The Committee request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies of Hongkong.

Launches will leave Blake Pier for the Flagship at 11.30 A.M. and at frequent intervals until 2.30 P.M. returning after the last race.

Tickets for the Flagship and Tiffin may be obtained from Lieutenant-Colonel CHAPMAN and the undersigned, or from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, price Flagship \$1.00, Tiffin \$1.25. It is requested that early application may be made for the latter, to ensure the necessary accommodation.

Launces following the races must keep astern of the Umpire's launch in order not to interfere with competing crews.

HEDLEY G. WHITE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1909. [465]

1909-10.

SEALED TENDERS in Duplicate will be received at the R. N. HOSPITAL until 10 A.M. on the 22nd March, 1909, from persons desirous of supplying BEEF, MUTTON, FOWLS, PORK, BREAD, CHEESE, FRESH COW'S MILK, FLAVORED WATERS, ICE, and other Provisions and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1910.

Sealed Tenders in Duplicate will also be received for COAL (Akaike and Yubari). Printed Form of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. HOSPITAL.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

W.M. TAIT, Deputy Inspector General, R. N. Hospital, Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [466]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"AUSTRIA."

Captain Colb, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 19th inst., p.m.

This steamer has splendid accommodation for passengers, electric light, carries a doctor and stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Princess Building.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1909. [3]

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "CRAIGVAR."

From SEATTLE, WASH.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading as soon as possible.

Consignees of cargo will please take notice that before delivery can be obtained, they must sign an Average Bond, which is lying at the Office of the Undersigned and pay a Deposit of six pence (6d.) per Quarter sack of Flour for contribution to General Average.

Delivery Orders will then be granted in exchange for Bills of Lading against which Consignees are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [8]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE,
NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD, BREMEN
FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE I.G.M. Steamship
"PRINZ LUDWIG."
Capt. F. v. Binzer, will leave for the above place TO-DAY, the 13th inst., at 11 A.M.
NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [5]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized MR. E. H. THIEL to sign our Firm per Procuration.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1909. [443]

ENERGETIC and reliable Cap Manufacturer with large shipping experience wants good live AGENT. Address with references to "CAPS" care of W. H. SMITH & SON, Advertising Agents, Blackfriars Street, Manchester, England. [449]

REQUIRED, REPRESENTATIVE on 5% commission, for sale of NORTHAMPTON made SHOEWARE. Real opportunity for man capable of influencing instant business, who would be well supported. Particulars, with English references, to "SHOES," c/o Street's, 30, Cornhill, London, England. [442]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG CLUB, will be held in the Club House, on TUESDAY, the 16th March, 1909, at 5.15 P.M.

By Order,
JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [403]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES (1896) of the HONGKONG CLUB, payable on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909, will be held at the Hongkong Club House at 11 o'clock A.M. on FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1909.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,
JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1909. [446]

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed TRUSTEE of THE CANTON CONDITION HOUSE COMPANY by Order of H.M.'s Supreme Court, dated 11th February, 1909, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the following LAND and HOUSE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at Canton on 20th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock NOON, namely:

Lot 52 on the British Concession, Canton, measuring approximately 12,645 square feet, together with all Buildings erected on the said Lot, at a reserve price, based on the highest offer in writing, sealed or unsealed, submitted to the Trustee 24 hours prior to the Auction.

Terms—Cash on completion of transfer of Lot to Purchaser.

H. H. FOX,
H. M. Acting Consul-General,
Trustee for the Canton Condition House Co.,
Shunmen, 10th March, 1909. [459]

NOTICE.

WE, the Undersigned, a well-established Firm trading in Human Hair, beg to inform the Public that we have now opened an Office in Hongkong at 127, Des Voeux Road, (first floor). Hitherto our Business has been carried on at Ka Ying Chou and Canton, but in the interest of our Patrons, and in order to make ourselves more widely known to prospective purchasers in this part of China we have thought it advisable to open the above Office for the transaction of our Hongkong Business.

We also desire to make known that the Goods supplied by us are of the best quality procurable and are subjected to a special process of cleaning and drying known only to ourselves.

To prevent imitation and fraud we have adopted a special TRADE MARK an illustration of which appears beneath.

LUN CHEONG
& Co.,
127, Des Voeux Rd.
(first floor),
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [343]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

GEO. FENWICK & COMPANY, LTD.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL THIS DAY (SATURDAY), 13th day of March, 1909, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and electing Director and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th to 13th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN I. ANDREW,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1909. [416]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, King's Building, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 19th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [400]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, King's Building, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 19th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [401]

FRENCH LESSONS.

FRENCH TAUGHT entirely by Conversation and without translation by a Frenchman (a Teacher in Government Schools) and ENGLISH LESSONS by an English Lady.

Apply by letter to—
B. E.,
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1908. [124]

FOR SALE.

TWO Fall Sized "BILLIARD TABLES" (Burroughs & Watts, & Thurstone) in first-class condition.

Apply—
E. W. W.,
Care of W.M. POWELL, LTD.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1909. [433]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after this Date, the Selling Price of Ice, will be Reduced to HALF A CENT per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1909. [451]

SUTTON'S SEEDS.

Special Selections for South China.

CHINA EXPRESS CO.,
3, Duddell Street, Hongkong,
Shipping and Insurance Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

ICE

WE HAVE MET THE CUT and are now Selling Ice from our Depot, Nos. 55 & 57, Des Voeux Road, Central, for HALF A CENT PER POUND.

We have the ONLY FACTORY IN HONGKONG Manufacturing Ice from DISTILLED WATER and therefore we GUARANTEE ITS PURITY.

ORIENTAL BREWERY LTD.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909. [343]

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SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1909. [47]

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FROM HEADACHES AND BACKPAINS TO SPLENDID HEALTH.

MOULMEIN LADY'S AGONIES ENDED BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

"About ten months ago I was suffering such pains in my back that walking, rising, or moving in any way gave me most awful agony," said Mrs. Ida Horsay, wife of H. C. Horsay, Esq., of the Burma Forest Department, when interviewed at her home in Moulmein, Moulmein, recently.

"I was afflicted with splitting headaches and lost all desire for food," continued this lady. "Disordered kidneys were the cause of my ill-health I was told. For two months I gradually grew worse and worse, and then I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I am sure that I owe my present splendid health to those Pills. After the second bottle of them I began to feel much better, the pains in my back had decreased and my head had ceased to ache. So I continued taking the Pills until when I had finished the third bottle all my aches and pains had entirely disappeared, and not only that, but I felt and looked better in every way than I had done for years. I have not the slightest objection to these facts being made public," said Mrs. Horsay in conclusion.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

MESSRS. VERNON and SMYTH in their weekly share report dated March 12th, state:—The firm of our market reported in our last has continued throughout the past week and rates with few exceptions have again improved, the tendency being still buoyant. Bar Silver has ruled steady during the interval, and closes at 23.15d. Exchange on London is quoted 184.7 T. and on Shanghai at 74.7 T. T.

BANKS—Hongkong and Shanghai were done in the earlier part of the week at \$900, \$910, and \$915, but have since jumped to \$925 buyers, with a probability of \$930 leading to business. London has again advanced, the quotation now standing at 265.10d. Nationals have not been dealt in, but are unchanged at 23.15d. Exchange on London is quoted 184.7 T. and on Shanghai at 74.7 T. T.

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MAKING INSURANCES—Unions after small sales at \$825 have hardened, and are now enquired for at \$830. China Traders, but are wanted at quotations. Cautious can be placed in small lots at \$187.5.

FIRE INSURANCES—Hongkongs have been booked at \$305 and \$308 ex the dividend of \$22 per share for 1907 paid on the 10th instant, one close firm at the higher rates. China has also improved, and are now enquired for at \$105.00 per share being reported during the interval.

SHIPPING—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have again been booked at \$291 and more shares are wanted. Indos have attracted some attention, and sales are reported at \$58 and \$59 for the preferred and deferred combined. China and Manilas have declined to \$11 sellers. There are buyers of Douglasses, at \$34, and of Shell Transports at the improved rate of 53d. but no sales have been effected.

REFINERIES—China Sugars have still further advanced with small sales up to \$150, at which rate the market closes steady with a few shares offering. The Report of this Company for presentation to shareholders at the annual meeting to be held on the 19th instant shows a gain on working during 1908 of \$273,513.10 after paying interest \$33,462.95, commission \$25,290.62, remuneration to consulting committee \$2,500, and auditor's fees \$750, thereby reducing the debit balance of \$279,571.54 brought forward from 1907 to \$5,858.24. The General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend that a dividend of \$5 per share, absorbing \$100,000, be paid out of Equalization of Dividends Fund which will then stand at \$350,000. Luozus have not been enquired for during the interval, and remain at \$17 with probable sellers.

MINING—Jinbarbongas have improved to \$590 ex the dividend of Fcs. 373 (Coupon 16) paid in Paris on the 1st instant, but no sales are reported. Raubs after small sales at 8½ have declined to \$8 sellers.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are easier with sellers at \$86, a small sale being reported as low as \$85. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have improved considerably, and after sales at \$51, and \$52 have further advanced to \$54 at which the market closes steady. Shanghai Docks have been sold to the North at the reduced rate of Tls. 874, the latest quotation by wire being Tls. 87 buyers. Shanghai of Hongkong Wharves are also slightly easier with sellers at Tls. 175.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS—Hongkong Lands have advanced to \$99, and a fair business has been booked at that rate, market closing with further buyers. Kowloon Lands, West Points, and Hongkong Hotels have not attracted the attention of investors, and remain unchanged with sellers at quotations. Humphreys Estates are firm with buyers at \$83. Shanghai Lands are still quoted at Tls. 115.

COTTON MILLS—A further substantial advance has to be recorded in Ewo Cottons which are now wanted in the North at Tls. 115. International are quoted at Tls. 89, Luen Kung Mows at Tls. 94, and Soy Chews at Tls. 315. Hongkong are quiet with sales at \$9.

MISCELLANEOUS—China Borneons have improved to \$124 with sales (2) further buyers, China Providents to \$9.30, Dairy Farms to \$142, Electric to \$163, Hongkong and China Gas to \$210, China Light and Power to \$5, and Watsons to \$94, all closing in request. There are sellers of Cements at \$9.60 after sales at the rate, and of Ices at the reduced rate of \$200.

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ARRIVALS.

GHAEK, British str., 3,242, D. A. Cave, 12th March—Shanghai 8th March, General—Dowdell & Co.
HAIKUN, British str., 598, J. W. Evans, 12th March—Swatow 11th March, General—Douglas, Lepnuk & Co.
PONATONG, German str., 899, Botehur, 11th Mar.—Bangkok 3rd March, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
PRINZ LUDWIG, German str., 5,675, F. von Binzen, 12th March—Hamburg and Singapore 8th March, Mails and General—Melchers & Co.
SUMATRA, British str., 2,976, E. W. Bruce, 11th Mar.—London 31st January, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
SURUGA, British str., 2,727, Chubu, 12th March—Manila 8th March, General—Dowdell & Co.
TAMING, British str., 1,350, A. Somerville, 12th March—Manila 9th March, Tobacco, Wool and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
TIGER, German gunboat, 1,000, A. Eckermann, 11th March—Manila 9th March.
TOTOMI MARU, Japanese str., 2,464, Smith, 12th March—Bombay and Singapore 5th March, General & Cotton Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
12th March.
Amara, British str., for Hongkong.
Auricula, British str., for Kobe.
Chungfu, German str., for Swatow.
Empress of India, Brit. str., for Shanghai.
Honoi, French str., for K. C. Wan.
Hongkong, French str., for Haiphong.
Kanor, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.
Marie, German str., for Bangkok.
Tilligong, Dutch str., for Yokohama.
Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

12th March.
ARRATON APCAR, British str., for Yokohama.
CHENNAI, British str., for Canton.
CHINHUA, British str., for Shanghai.
DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
HAITAN, British str., for Swatow.
HEUEN, British str., for Holloway.
KJELD, Norwegian str., for Pahkhoi.
KNYSNA, German str., for Fochow.
SUMATRA, British str., for Fochow.
WAHING, British str., for Fochow.
YUNSAN, British str., for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Haimon* reports: Fine, hazy with occasional thick fog, light S'ly and S.E. wind.
The British str. *Ghaze* reports: From Guizhou to Steep Island, heavy rain and thick weather. Steep Island to Ockse, light variable winds and dense fog. Ockse to Lumoek, strong N.E. wind frequent heavy rain and thick weather. Lumoek to Hongkong, light variable winds and fog.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

March 12th.
ABERDEEN DOCK.—*Kwangtung*.
KOWLOON DOCK.—*Tarlac*, *Erroll*, *Venus*, *H.M.S. Robin*, *H.M.S. Otter*, *Surya*, *Patria*, *Vigilante*, *Johanna*, *COSMOPOLITAN DOCK*.—*Alesia*, *Bulwan*.

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KUMERIC	6,232	F. S. Cowley	On 8th April.
INVERIC	4,789	R. J. Howie	On 6th May.
SUVERIC	6,232	W. Shattock	On 3rd June.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE	"PRINZ LUDWIG"	Saturday, 13th March, at 11 A.M.
& YOKOHAMA	Capt. F. V. BINZER	
MANILA, Y.A.P., NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR"	Thursday, 25th March, at 5 P.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	Capt. ISEKE	
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"KLEIST"	Wednesday, 24th March, at Noon.
	Capt. RUD. MEYER	
	"BORNEO"	Beginning of April.
	Capt. F. SEMBIL	

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To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "h," nearest Hongkong "i" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & B.R.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & C. via usual ports of call	MACEDONIA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Bennett	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	PALAWAN	Brit. str.	—	C. R. Longden, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
LONDON & HULL	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	T. Darke	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 26th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	GLENROY	Brit. str.	—	Malchow	MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 29th inst.
HARVE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	DOETMUND	Ger. str.	k. w.	Babel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	JELLYETTA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Kotze	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	To-day.
TOURANE	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Donat	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 4th April.
TOURANE	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. H. Butler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst. at D'light
TOURANE	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	Giratenbrin	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
TOURANE	GLAMORGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. Takeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst. at D'light
ATLANTA, MARU	ATLANTA	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	About 20th inst.
ATLANTA, MARU	AMERICA MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Thompson	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 10th April.
AMERICA MARU	AMERICA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 7th April.
AMERICA MARU	KLEIST	Jap. str.	—	Rad. Meyer	TOYOKISEN KAISHA	On 14th April.
AMERICA MARU	VORWAERTS	Jap. str.	—	B. Bednarz	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	ALBENGA	Jap. str.	—	Lorenzen	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 18th inst.
ALBENGA	EMPERIE OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CAPLOWN & CO.	About 12th inst.
ALBENGA	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day at 7 A.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	J. C. A. Hall	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th May, at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	T. Harrison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 18th inst.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	N. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Iseki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst. at 4 P.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	P. T. Helms	GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 31st inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Eddy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th April, at 4 P.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	R. Smith	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	N. Ohsu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Zwart	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 16th inst. at 4 P.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Dowson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 11 A.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	F. V. Binzen	MELCHERS & CO.	TO-morrow, at Daylight
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Sandbach	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 16th inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	About 16th inst.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Williams	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Middle of March.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Cobell	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 18th inst. at 4 P.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrew, J.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 19th inst. at 4 P.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Schwinghamer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Hildebrandt	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 23rd inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerick	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 31st inst.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Ijichi	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	H. Murayama	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst. at 8 A.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	de Brouwer	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	TO-morrow, at 9 A.M.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	J. W. Evans	Quick despatch.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Hodgins	D. DOUGLAS LAIRAK & CO.	On 16th inst. at Noon.
ALBENGA	GYMERIC	Brit. str.	—	Passmore	D. DOUGLAS LAIRAK & CO.	On 19th inst. at Noon.</td

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	DELHI	About 19th March	Freight and Passage.
	Capt. J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.		
LONDON via USUAL Ports	MACEDONIA	20th March	See Special
	Capt. C. D. Bennett, R.N.R.		Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT	PALAWAN	About 24th March	Freight and Passage.
ANG. COLOMBO PORT	Capt. C. H. Longden, R.N.R.		
SAID and MARSEILLES			

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 12th March, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	14th March, 10 A.M.
HAI PHONG	SINGAN	16th March, 10 A.M.
MANILA	TAMING	16th March, 3 P.M.
NEW CHENG	KWEIYANG	16th March, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	LINAN	18th March, 4 P.M.
MANILA	TEAN	23rd March, 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRES, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, * CHANGSHA		On 8th April, 4 P.M.
with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH		
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

THE CO'S S.S. LEAVING

TAMSUI via SWATOW	JOSHIN MARU	SUNDAY, 14th March, 9 A.M.
Cap. H. MURAYAMA		
ANPING via SWATOW	SHOSHU MARU	WEDDAY, 17th March, 8 A.M.

* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Unrivalled Table.

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager. [13]

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HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEAST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
HAIMUN	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 14th March, 10 A.M.
Capt. Evans		
HAIYANG	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon.
Capt. A. E. Hodges		
HAICHING	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon.
Capt. Passmore		

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1909. [10]

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	HANGSANG
MANILA	LOONGSANG
SH'HAL YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOOKSANG
MANILA	YUENSANG

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

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Hongkong, 13th March, 1909. [16]

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MIYASAKI MARU (Capt. W. BAINBRIDGE) About Wed. 5th May.

KITANO MARU (Capt. —) About Wed. 2nd June.

HIRANO MARU (Capt. H. FEASER) About Wed. 30th June.

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Hongkong, 24th February, 1909. [93]

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	TAMBA MARU (Capt. C. H. Butler), INABA MARU (Capt. R. Takeda), TOSA MARU (Capt. T. Harrison), SHINANO MARU (Capt. K. Kawai), NIKKO MARU (Capt. M. Yagi), KUMANO MARU (Capt. N. Matheson), KUOMAN MARU (Capt. R. Smith), KUMANO MARU (Capt. R. Matheson), and YOKOHAMA MARU (Capt. B. Kon), KANAGAWA MARU (Capt. N. Ohno)	6134, 6189, 5827, 6388, 5539, 5076, 4132, 5076, 3798, 6169	WEDDAY, 17th March, at Daylight, WEDDAY, 31st March, at Daylight, TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon, TUESDAY, 30th March, at Noon, FRIDAY, 19th March, at Noon, FRIDAY, 16th April, at Noon, SATURDAY, 13th March, at Daylight, WEDDAY, 17th March, at Daylight, THURSDAY, 18th March, at Noon, SATURDAY, 20th March, at Daylight

* Omitting Yokohama.
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T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER. [15]

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.	HOMeward.
FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE:	S.S. SAXONIA ... 13th March.
S.S. BRISGAVIA ... 20th March	FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG: S.S. DORTMUND ... 20th March.
S.S. BELGRAVIA ... 31st March	FOR MARSEILLES & HAMBURG: S.S. SPEZIA ... 23rd March.
S.S. SILESIA ... 12th April	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. JILLYRIA ... 4th April.
S.S. SUEVIA ... 13th April	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. AMBRIA ... 17th April.
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S.S. SENEGBAMBIA ... 10th May	
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STEAMSHIP TONNAGE CAPTAIN FOR SAILING DATE.

STEAMSHIP	TONNAGE	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 13th Mar., Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 20th Mar., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1909. [14-174]

EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.</

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for EUROPE, via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia.

18th March ... at 8.15 p.m.
26th March ... at 11.45 a.m.
1st April ... at 8.15 p.m.
9th April ... at 10.45 a.m.
15th April ... at 8.15 p.m.

The Public are informed that the Cash on Delivery service from the United Kingdom to Hongkong commenced on the 1st of February 1909.

The *Caledonian*, with the French mail of the 12th February, left Saigon on Friday, the 12th inst., at 7 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday afternoon, the 15th inst. This packet brings reply to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 9th January.

FOR P.R.

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COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.

March 12th.

ON LONDON:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/84
Bank Bills, on demand 1/83
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/84
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/84
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/9
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight 1/9

ON PARIS:—
Bank Bills, on demand 218
Credits, at 4 months' sight 222

ON GERMANY:—
On demand 177

ON NEW YORK:—
Bank Bills, on demand 424

Credits, at 60 days' sight 434

ON BOMBAY:—
Telegraphic Transfer 130

Bank, on demand 130

ON CALCUTTA:—
Telegraphic Transfer 130

Bank, on demand 130

ON SHANGHAI:—
Bank, at sight 754

Private, 30 days' sight 754

ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand 841

ON MANILA:—On demand—Pesos 843

ON SINGAPORE:—On demand 741

ON BATAVIA:—On demand 104

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ON BANGKOK:—On demand 871

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Chinese ... 10 " 88

Hongkong ... 20 " 70

Hongkong ... 10 " 7.20

OPIUM.

March 10th.

Quotations are:—

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IMPRESSIONS OF JAPAN.

[BY DR. SVEN HEDIN IN "THE TIMES."—]

I landed in Yokohama on November 12th. What marvellous memories I retain of that one single month! It seems like some fairy story or dream, and I can hardly grasp the fact that it has been one long chain of realities, and still less is that it was I who, with or against my will, was the object of those brilliant fêtes, those speeches and toasts, those ovations and thundering *hurrahs*.

"Wonderful country! Wide-awake, lovely, joyful people! How old, exhausted, and grey life is in other countries of Asia compared to that of the land of the Rising Sun where every man goes to work silently and dutifully and the women smile even when the rain is coming down in streams from the dull grey heavens. The praises of Japan have been sung by both ordinary and academic poets, and naturally over the land of the Rising Sun, over Nippon, the land of geisha and flowers, there floats a glittering halo. Japan is not only a poem that has risen from the depths of the Pacific, encircled by the song of the salt waves. Behind its pictur-esque waters and indented coast lives a people who believe in themselves, their own greatness, their own future; a people steeped to the marrow in loyalty, sense of duty, perseverance, and patriotism; a progressive and industrious people, awake, intelligent, and well-informed in all the ways of life; a people who with admirable patience sit for years and cut out the smallest figures in ivory or polish lacquered boxes, but who also, when needs must, contrive in turn of the hand to build an armoured fleet which is amongst the strongest of the world; a people who drive the plough with untiring care or with loving hands tend their rice and beans, but who also, when the Fetherland calls, prepare themselves without a murmur to water the fields of Manchuria with their blood and let their bones bleach under a foreign sun.

A fact that has often struck me is how little the Japanese think of the men who, quite recently, have written the history of the world with the point of their cannon. A month ago when we visited the Shinto temple raised to the memory of the hero Katsusaki in Kobe many of my friends said that when Admiral Togo dies such a temple is sure to be raised to him. But if, on the other hand, one expresses one's profound admiration of such men, hardly any one agrees, and for the reason that they consider that these men have only done their duty, that the fulfilment of duty is the most natural thing in the world and not worth wasting words over.

During my last days in Kioto we considered at length the edition of my next book, which, like the two previous ones, is to be published in Japanese. I was told that it was usual to have an original motto in Chinese ideographs, done by a great name, adorn the title-page. It was thus that the names of Ito and Yamagata often appeared. I proposed Togo or Oku for my book, but my suggestion was not with a friendly smile and the intimation that these men had little to do with geography, and that the great public would consider the use of their names as a speculative venture on the part of the publisher. On the other hand, the names of Prince Kanin or General Fukushima were proposed for the motto, the Rector of the University, Baron Kikuchi, to write the introduction, and the High Priest, Count Otani, for the epilogue. Naturally I accepted these proposals, but pointed out that I desired that the book should be published in strict accordance with Japanese taste. General Fukushima is one of my special friends; I had known him in Berlin in 1892, where I met him at the house of Colonel Prutting, shortly before he set out on his far-famed ride through Siberia.

When we were all gathered together Sir Claude took me by the arm and asked me quickly if for a change I would not like to give a little lecture about my last journey. "Yes, certainly, with pleasure, but there are no maps here." Sir Claude disappeared and returned after a few minutes with a small piece of chalk in his hand. He took me into the great ball-room, where a black screen was set up, and on it I drew in a hasty a map of Tibet, marking in the route I had taken. Then the room filled up. An alarm clock (I think it was) was hung up on the wall, as the lecture was not to last more than half an hour, when supper would be served. I spoke for an hour. Sir Claude made a speech both before and after the lecture, witty and amusing, declared that the screen would be varnished and preserved as a souvenir of this memorable and impromptu meeting.

THE HEROES OF WAR.

I met Admiral Count Togo. Small, reserved, and speaking in a low voice, he asked in a friendly tone about my travels; he did not say much, but what he did say was interesting and in excellent English. His whole *facies d'être* is unassuming, he lives in a miniature doll's house, and eats his raw fish macaroni with chopsticks. And yet he is one of the greatest men of to-day and destroyed the fleet of a great European Power. But if you ask an educated Japanese whom he considers the greatest among great men he seldom mentions Togo. Some incline most to Prince Ito, the Resident-General in Stouli, others to Marshal Prince Yamagata, others again to Count Okuma. The heroes of the war—Oyama, Oku, Nodan, Nogi, Kuroki, Togo, &c., are considered only to have been tools in the hands of Yamagata and to have carried out his instructions. They were the limbs that moved, but Yamagata was the brain that controlled them and thought out the plans. And the Japanese say about Yamagata that even if he had directed the war from home he would nevertheless have been considered one of the greatest men of Japan, on account of his speech-making additions to the reforms of to-day.

Others say that Fukushima was the moving spirit of the last war. Okuma—who has held various portfolios in various Ministries and has been the leader of the Progressive party and who at the outset had the courage to stand in the breach or modern aspirations and break with the old—is almost idolized, especially on that part of young Japan. He is an orator, an enthusiast, and a patriot; he is devoted to the youth, and has, in conjunction with another great man, Fukushima, founded the University of Vasseden, which has 8,000 students. Although crippled by the bomb of a fanatic, he is tall and, now in the autumn of his life, still carries his head high.

General Nogi is also one of my special friends. What a mixture of energy and humour is there in his lively facial play and his striking manner of speech! When I gave my lecture in the Peers' Club he sent several young cadets from the families of the highest aristocracy to hear it and gave them orders to follow the lecture closely so as to be able to repeat it afterwards to the general, who, owing to an injured foot, was unable to go out, and to their comrades who had been unable to get seats for it. He did not speak fast, the significant pauses were long and many. But he roared like a lion—one might have thought that he was commanding a division on the field of battle instead of talking to a dinner party of 20 gentlemen. I was cold with stage fright, for I knew that in the next moment I should have to reply.

Nay, my acquaintance with the students was perhaps, after all, the best. Never have I had such applause, such a feeling of genuine pride and pleasure, as when I had to speak to them, and tell them about my adventures in the great continent of Asia and the dreary wastes of Tibet. Easy it certainly was not to speak to 4,000 students in the open air and to make one's voice heard. Professor Shuga, full of knowledge and sparkling with humour, then stood up and translated the speech for those who did not understand English. His translation was much better than the original, for when he finished and told them that *Det* *zal* *meant* *skal* in Swedish (a very free translation), the enthusiasm became almost frantic. When I went down and shook hands with the nearest of them they pressed it upon me and screamed *skal* with all the power of their lungs. I was very nearly crushed to death and it took several sturdy fellows to make a way for me. I reached the carriage with difficulty, but even then they surrounded it.

At the other Universities it was much the same thing. At the Imperial Universities of Tokio and Kioto, at Kegonji-juku at Honganji's theological faculty, in Nagoya, where I lectured before an audience of 1,200 people, in the middle of the great hall of the temple, and beneath the gaze of the eternal Buddha, who sat there still meditating, dreaming with half-closed eyes.

The whole time I was accompanied by a permanent staff—no king could have been surrounded by a more able suite. It began in Shanghai and was completed in Kioto, Yokohama, and Tokio. The famous chief of the seismological institute, Professor Onori, was always with me, even in Kioto. He and the chief of the geological bureau, Dr. Inouye, were the secretaries of the reception committee and were indefatigable in attending me, showing and explaining everything. Professors Wade and Yamagata and the geographical professor Yamasaki also belonged to my permanent staff. Many persons were present at nearly all, if not all, the fêtes, especially the former Minister of Education, Makino, the present Minister Okada, the Rector Baron Hamada, the vice-presidents of the Geographical Society, Viscount Hanabusa and Kikuchi, Prince Tokugawa, and Prince Nishio, and first and last the noble, splendid Marquis Tokugawa.

Everywhere I was inundated with proofs of friendship and sympathy, hospitality and generosity. I have never spoken to more grateful audiences. During my lectures there was there silence of the grave. Even those who could neither see nor hear me gave me their good wishes. Thus the pupils of a deaf and dumb school sent me several *kekemonos*, and worked by themselves, and the pupils of a blind school sent me specimens of Japanese writing by the blind. It seemed as though every one wished to give me some remembrance of Japan, and I on my part gave them all I could in the form of lectures.

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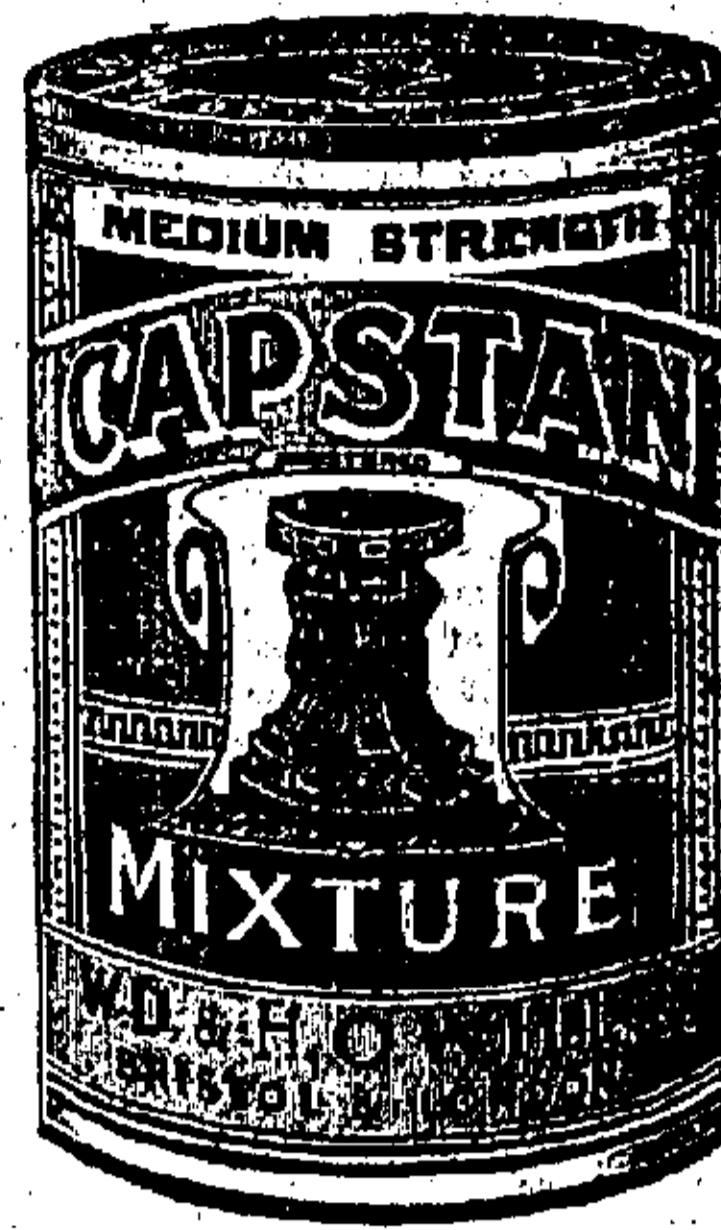
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